

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E) INSTRUCTOR

Class Definition

Under general supervision, provides classroom instruction on drug, alcohol, tobacco and gang resistance skills to students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Instructor is a specialized non-sworn class in the Police Department. Incumbents teach young children the skills needed to lead drug free lives. Drug program lessons include such topics as the use and misuse of drugs, the consequences of drug use, decision-making and risk-taking, resistance techniques, alternatives to drug use and gang involvement and role-modeling. D.A.R.E. Instructors report to a sworn supervisor. Incumbents will be required to work variable seasonal schedules to accommodate various school calendars.

Typical Tasks

(This list is neither inclusive nor exclusive. Consequently, this information may not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Teaches a 17-week curriculum on drug and gang avoidance skills to students in assigned classroom in weekly one-hour blocks of instruction.

Builds the self-esteem of young people.

Teaches the skills needed to lead drug free lives.

Facilitates a variety of activity-oriented techniques which are designed to encourage student-generated responses to problem solving solutions.

Conducts a culminating assembly-type activity for students, parents and school staff which recognizes the efforts of the students and the cooperation of school officials.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

Knowledge of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Instructor principles and goals.

Knowledge of the English language and the ability to speak and write clearly and correctly.

Knowledge of basic classroom procedures and teaching techniques.

Ability to plan and effectively present material orally.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Ability to motivate students and generate enthusiasm for the topics presented.

Minimum Requirements

Three years of experience with a law enforcement agency, performing the full range of duties as a sworn Peace Officer where the minimum qualifications required graduation from a Basic Academy; AND a lapse of not more than three years since last employment meeting requirements as described above.

Special Requirements

Possession of a valid California Driver's License may be required.

Must successfully complete a polygraph test and background investigation prior to appointment.

APPROVED: _____
Director

DATE: _____

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